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Docket No(s). 260/012;  
OI7017812001**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Alok K. SRIVASTAVA et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,590

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHOD AND MECHANISM  
FOR USING A META-LANGUAGE  
TO DEFINE AND ANALYZE  
TRACES

Group Art Unit: 2191

Examiner: Satish Rampuria

Confirmation No. 2628

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 8, 2005, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a two month extension of time to extend the period to respond to the Office Action to January 9, 2006, and to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17.